



# steps to reduce the chance of fire in your home

## 1 Reduce Clutter

Keeping excessive clutter in your home can result in blocked fire escape routes. Fires can also spread much faster, especially where there are flammable items such as newspapers, old books, cardboard and empty plastic bottles.



## 2 Smoke Outdoors

Smoking is the most common cause of fire fatalities. If it's not possible to smoke outside, read advice about smoking and fire safety in the home on [london-fire.gov.uk](http://london-fire.gov.uk).



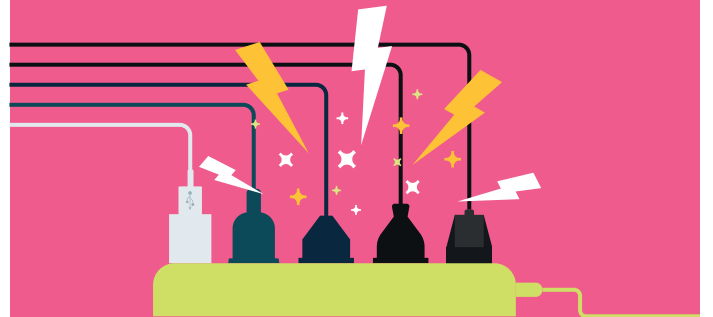
## 3 Be careful with candles, lighters & naked flames

Never leave a naked flame unattended, always keep away from flammable items and ensure they are out of reach of children at all times.



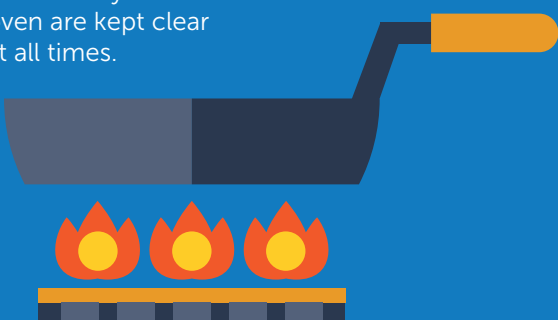
## 4 Check your electrical cords

Watch out for frayed wires and replace immediately and never overload an electrical multi-plug. Electrical cords can produce heat so don't trap them under a rug, between your furniture or wall and your doorways.



## 5 Stay in the kitchen when cooking

Don't leave a hot cooking source unattended, keeping children and pets away. Make sure your stove and oven are kept clear at all times.



# Stay Safe

- A.** Test your smoke alarms regularly.
- B.** Keep escape routes clear.
- C.** Ensure your fire door is undamaged and the door closer is working.
- D.** Check that your emergency exits open easily - check your front door, back door and the main block door if applicable.
- E.** Make a simple fire action plan so everyone in your home knows the safest route out in the event of fire.